第 10 講　　自由英作文演習②

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There are several ways to resolve the issue of an aging society. Which of the following solutions (or your own solutions) do you think would work best? Write a short essay (about 70-90 words in English) describing your solution. Give clear reasons to support your opinion.

(高齢化社会の原因となる少子化の解決策)

① 政府が第２子を出産する女性にお金を支給する。

② 父親が子供の世話や家事に関わって，母親が第二子を希望する。

③ 出産後も両親が仕事を続けられるように託児所をもっと安い料金で提供する。

④ 出産後の母親および父親に与えられる有給の育児休暇を延長する。

(06 北大　改題)

2

1990年から2002年にかけて，日本では犯罪件数が約二倍増加している。この変化を説明できる理由を少なくとも二つ挙げて，二段落からなる文章を英語で書きなさい。（05北大　改題）

3

　死刑制度に対して，賛成か反対か，自分の立場を明らかにして，80 ～ 120 語程度の英語で論じなさい。

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Imagine you are writing an article about smoking in Japan for an international health conference and you are going to include the following information on it. The whole paragraph should be about 60-80 words.

＜ Smoking rates（%）＞

	Japan	U.S.A.	U.K.	Germany
Male	56.1	28	28	37
Female	14.5	23	26	22

（01 北大　改題）

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＜解答例＞

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I think number ③ and ④ solutions would work best. This is because one of the main causes of an aging society is the fall in birthrate. The fall in birthrate is due to the society in which it is hard for women to work after childbirth. To improve the situation, we should make the society easy for women to work in after childbirth. Therefore, number ③ and ④ solutions would work best to resolve the issue of an aging society. (81words)

2

Since 1990, the number of crimes in Japan has been increasing more than two times. There are two reasons for this. One reason is that we have been facing an economic depression for a long time. The recession causes people to lose their job. The unemployed have no money to live on. Therefore, they are likely to commit a crime.

The other is that the use of the Internet has become popular among us. The use of it gave rise to a new type of crimes.

3

I disagree with the death penalty. It is true that it may work as a prevention of crimes and a comfort of the victim's family. However, it is proven that the death penalty doesn't work as a prevention of crimes. In fact, some people commit a crime prepared for the death penalty intentionally. Also, it does not comfort the victim's family. It just creates a circle of murder.

In addition to the above opinions, there is a possibility of incorrect judgments. If the judge wrongly sentences the death penalty, he will kill the innocent.

Therefore, I disagree with the death penalty.

4

Among these four countries, Japanese male ranks the highest in the smoking rates. This is because the price of cigarettes is very low in Japan. In addition, there are more smoking areas in Japan than in any other country.

On the other hand, Japanese female ranks the lowest in the smoking rates. This is because female smokers are regarded as unfavorable. There is a prejudice against female smokers. (70 words)